

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 11 - Introduced

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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1 A Concurrent Resolution in support of strengthening and  
2 deepening the relationship between Taiwan and the  
3 State of Iowa.

4 WHEREAS, the State of Iowa is proud of the  
5 sister-state relationship it has enjoyed with Taiwan  
6 since 1989, which is marked by strong bilateral trade,  
7 educational and cultural exchanges, and tourism; and

8 WHEREAS, Taiwan shares with the United States  
9 and the State of Iowa the common values of freedom,  
10 democracy, and human rights, and a commitment to the  
11 rule of law; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States ranks as Taiwan's  
13 third-largest importer, and Taiwan is the United  
14 States' 15th largest export destination, making Taiwan  
15 the United States' 11th largest trading partner, with  
16 total bilateral trade reaching \$68.8 billion as of  
17 November 2018; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the  
19 Taiwan Relations Act (TRA) in 1979 to sustain a close  
20 bilateral relationship between the United States and  
21 Taiwan, as well as to advance mutual security and  
22 commercial interests, and the TRA has served as the  
23 cornerstone of U.S.-Taiwan relations and has helped to  
24 preserve peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait; and

25 WHEREAS, Taiwan and the State of Iowa have enjoyed  
26 a long and mutually beneficial relationship and  
27 anticipate continuing growth, with Taiwan ranking

1 as Iowa's 6th largest export destination in Asia as  
2 of November 2018, with \$193.9 million worth of Iowa  
3 goods shipped to Taiwan, including meat, soybeans, and  
4 animal feeds; agricultural chemicals; and miscellaneous  
5 manufactured commodities, including precision  
6 instruments and avionics; and

7 WHEREAS, negotiations for a bilateral trade  
8 agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an  
9 important step toward further strengthening bilateral  
10 trade between the State of Iowa and Taiwan, thereby  
11 increasing Iowa's exports to Taiwan and creating  
12 investment and technical collaboration through tariff  
13 reduction and other trade facilitation measures; and

14 WHEREAS, Taiwan has undertaken a policy of  
15 "steadfast diplomacy" regarding international  
16 relations and is capable of and willing to fulfill its  
17 responsibilities and to collaborate with the world to  
18 deal with the challenges of humanitarian aid, disease  
19 control, and other important issues; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
21 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Iowa General  
22 Assembly memorializes the 30th anniversary of the  
23 Iowa-Taiwan sister-state relationship and the 40th  
24 anniversary of the United States Congress's enactment  
25 of the Taiwan Relations Act; reaffirms its commitment  
26 to strengthening the sister-state relationship between  
27 Taiwan and the State of Iowa; endorses Taiwan's efforts  
28 to secure a favorable trade relationship with the  
29 United States; and reaffirms support for increasing  
30 Taiwan's international profile; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of  
2 the Senate is hereby directed to send copies of this  
3 Resolution to the members of Iowa's congressional  
4 delegation and to the Taipei Economic and Cultural  
5 Office in Chicago, Illinois.